UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CARLOS RUIZ FLOREZ, Plaintiff, vs.

240 WEST 52ND STREET LLC, and KNICKERBOCKER SOCIAL LLC. Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, CARLOS RUIZ FLOREZ ("Plaintiff"), by his undersigned counsel, hereby files this Complaint and sues Defendants, 240 West 52nd Street Ilc, and Knickerbocker Social Ilc (hereinafter "Defendants"), for injunctive relief pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12181, et seq., (hereinafter the "A.D.A") and the ADA's Accessibility Guidelines, 28 C.F.R. Part 36 (hereinafter the "ADAAG").

JURISDICTION

- 1) This Court has original jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C., §§1331 and 1343 for Plaintiff's claims arising under 42 U.S.C. § 12181. et seq., based upon Defendant's violations of Title III of the ADA (see also, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202).
- 2) Plaintiff currently resides in Queens County, New York, and is *sui juris*. Plaintiff is a qualified individual with disabilities under the ADA law. Plaintiff suffered a spinal cord injury as a child complete from the T-7 to T-11, has paraplegia, and is bound to ambulate in a wheelchair.
- 3) Defendant, 240 WEST 52ND STREET LLC, is an individual that transacts business in the State of New York and within this judicial district. Defendant, 240 WEST 52ND

STREET LLC, is the owner of the real property which is the subject of this action located on or about at 240 W 52nd St, New York, NY 10019 (hereinafter "Subject Property" or "Facility").

- 4) Defendant, KNICKERBOCKER SOCIAL LLC., is a Domestic Business Corporation and transacts business in the State of New York and within this judicial district. Defendant, KNICKERBOCKER SOCIAL LLC, is the lessee and operator of the business known as HASWELL GREEN'S, located at 240 W 52nd St, New York, NY 10019 (hereinafter the "Facility").
- Plaintiff has visited the Subject Property which forms the basis of this lawsuit on or about November 25, 2022, and on or about October, 2022. On each of these occasions, the Plaintiff's ability to ambulate through the entrance of the Subject Property was constrained, hindered, and thwarted by the structural barriers, that which prevented access to the public accommodation. The Plaintiff's place of employment is only a few blocks from the Defendants public accommodation, and thereon he plans to return to the Subject Property to avail himself of the goods and services offered to the public at the Subject Property, and thereby determine whether the Subject Property has been made ADA compliant. Plaintiff's access to the Facility and/or full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and/or accommodations offered therein was denied and/or limited because of these disabilities, and Plaintiff will be denied and/or limited in the future unless and until Defendants are compelled to remove the physical barriers to access and ADA violations which exist at the Facility, including but not limited, to those set forth in this Complaint.
- 6) Foremost, Plaintiff's place of employment is adjacent to the Defendant's subject property. Plaintiff travels through the neighborhood where the Subject Property is located multiple times a week. Furthermore, Plaintiff has dined at, and in, nearly all of the neighboring

restaurants surrounding the subject facility, that are all without obstructions. Moreover, Plaintiff dines at restaurants on this street about once or twice per week, and thereon affirms that he would dine at the Defendant's restaurant and avail himself of the goods and services offered to the public, were it not for the structural barriers inhibiting his ability to enter the subject facility, in direct contravention of Title III of the ADA and provisions under the ADAAG.

- Plaintiff has visited the Subject Property which forms the basis of this lawsuit on or about November 25, 2022, and on or about October, 2022, and plans to return to the Subject Property to avail himself of the goods and services offered to the public at the Subject Property, and to determine whether the Subject Property has been made ADA compliant. Plaintiff's access to the Facility and/or full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and/or accommodations offered therein was denied and/or limited because of these disabilities, and Plaintiff will be denied and/or limited in the future unless and until Defendants are compelled to remove the physical barriers to access and ADA violations which exist at the Facility, including but not limited, to those set forth in this Complaint.
- 8) The Defendants' Facility is a public accommodation and service establishment, and although required by law to do so, it is not in compliance with the ADA and ADAAG.
- 9) In this instance, Plaintiff visited the Facility and encountered barriers to access at the Facility, engaged barriers, suffered legal harm and injury, and will continue to suffer legal harm and injury as a result of the illegal barriers to access as set forth herein.
- 10) Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer direct and indirect injury as a result of the ADA violations that exist at the Facility.
- 11) All events giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in the State of New York. Venue is proper in this Court as the premises are located in the Eastern District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND CLAIM

- 12) Plaintiff has attempted to access the Facility, but could not do so without severe hardship, because of his disabilities, and the physical barriers to access and ADA violations that exist at the Facility, which restrict and/or limit his access to the goods and services offered at the Facility. The ADA violations are more specifically set forth in this Complaint.
- 13) Plaintiff intends to visit the Facility again in the near future in order to utilize all of the goods and services offered therein but will be unable to do so because of the physical barriers to access, dangerous conditions and ADA violations that exist at the Facility that restrict and/or limit his access to the Facility, including those barriers conditions and ADA violations more specifically set forth in this Complaint.
- denying access to, and full and equal enjoyment of the goods and services of the Facility, as prohibited by 42 U.S.C., § 12182, *et.seq.*, and by failing to remove architectural barriers as required by 42 U.S.C., § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv), and will continue to discriminate against Plaintiff and others with disabilities unless and until Defendants are compelled to remove all physical barriers that exist at the Facility, including those specifically set forth herein, and make the Facility accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including Plaintiff.
- 15) Defendants have discriminated against Plaintiff by failing to comply with the above requirements. A specific, although not exclusive, list of unlawful physical barriers, dangerous conditions and ADA violations, which preclude and/or limit Plaintiff's ability to access the Facility and full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services offered at the Facility include:

EXTERIOR DINING AREA:

• INACCESSIBLE EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT.

- ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.
- EXISTING RAISED CURB AT TRAVEL PATH TO EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT ACTS AS A BARRIER TO ACCESSIBILITY.
- REQUIRED RAMP NOT PROVIDED FOR RAISED CURB AT TRAVEL PATH LEADING TO EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT.

ADAAG 206.2.5 Restaurants and Cafeterias.

In restaurants and cafeterias, an accessible route shall be provided to all dining areas, including raised or sunken dining areas, and outdoor dining areas.

ADAAG 206 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 206.1 General.

Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

ADAAG 403 Walking Surfaces

ADAAG 403.4 Changes in Level.

Changes in level shall comply with 303

ADAAG 303.4 Ramps.

Changes in level greater than ½ inch high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.

- INACCESSIBLE DINING TABLES LOCATED AT EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT.
- REQUIRED MINIMUM KNEE AND TOE CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DINING TABLES LOCATED AT EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT.
- A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF EXISTING DINING TABLES REQUIRED TO BE ACCESSIBLE NOT PROVIDED AT EXTERIOR DINING COMPARTMENT.

ADAAG 226 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

ADAAG 226.1 General.

Where dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink, at least 5 percent of the seating spaces and standing spaces at the dining surfaces shall comply with 902.

ADAAG 902 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

ADAAG 902.1 General.

Dining surfaces and work surfaces shall comply with 902.2 and 902.3.

ADAAG 902.2 Clear Floor or Ground Space.

A clear floor space complying with 305 positioned for a forward approach shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with 306 shall be provided.

ADAAG 306.2 Toe Clearance.

ADAAG 306.2.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where toe clearance is required at an element as part of a clear floor space, the toe clearance shall extend 17 inches (430 mm) minimum under the element.

ADAAG 306.2.5 Width.

Toe clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

ADAAG 306.3 Knee Clearance.

ADAAG 306.3.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where knee clearance is required under an element as part of a clear floor space, the knee clearance shall be 11 inches deep minimum at 9 inches above the ground, and 8 inches deep minimum at 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 306.3.5 Width.

Knee clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

• COMPLIANT HANDRAILS NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES OF EXISTING RAMP AT INTERIOR SIDE OF ENTRANCE DOOR.

ADAAG 505 Handrails

ADAAG 505.2 Where Required.

Handrails shall be provided on both sides of stairs and ramps.

INTERIOR DINING AREA:

- INACCESSIBLE DINING TABLES LOCATED AT INTERIOR DINING AREA.
- REQUIRED MINIMUM KNEE AND TOE CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DINING TABLES LOCATED AT INTERIOR DINING AREA.
- A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF EXISTING DINING TABLES REQUIRED TO BE ACCESSIBLE NOT PROVIDED AT INTERIOR DINING AREA.

ADAAG 226 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

ADAAG 226.1 General.

Where dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink, at least 5 percent of the seating spaces and standing spaces at the dining surfaces shall comply with 902.

ADAAG 902 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

ADAAG 902.1 General.

Dining surfaces and work surfaces shall comply with 902.2 and 902.3.

ADAAG 902.2 Clear Floor or Ground Space.

A clear floor space complying with 305 positioned for a forward approach shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with 306 shall be provided.

ADAAG 306.2 Toe Clearance.

ADAAG 306.2.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where toe clearance is required at an element as part of a clear floor space, the toe clearance shall extend 17 inches (430 mm) minimum under the element.

ADAAG 306.2.5 Width.

Toe clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

ADAAG 306.3 Knee Clearance.

ADAAG 306.3.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where knee clearance is required under an element as part of a clear floor space, the knee clearance shall be 11 inches deep minimum at 9 inches above the ground, and 8 inches deep minimum at 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 306.3.5 Width.

Knee clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

- INACCESSIBLE DINING TABLES LOCATED AT BARSIDE DINING AREA.
- NON-COMPLIANT HEIGHT OF DINING TABLES LOCATED AT BARSIDE DINING AREA EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.
- REQUIRED MINIMUM KNEE AND TOE CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DINING TABLES LOCATED AT BARSIDE DINING AREA.
- MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF EXISTING DINING TABLES REQUIRED TO BE ACCESSIBLE NOT PROVIDED AT BARSIDE DINING AREA.

ADAAG 226 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

ADAAG 226.1 General.

Where dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink, at least 5 percent of the seating spaces and standing spaces at the dining surfaces shall comply with 902.

ADAAG 902.2 Clear Floor or Ground Space.

A clear floor space complying with 305 positioned for a forward approach shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with 306 shall be provided.

ADAAG 902.3 Height.

The tops of dining surfaces and work surfaces shall be 28 inches (710 mm) minimum and 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 306.2 Toe Clearance.

ADAAG 306.2.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where toe clearance is required at an element as part of a clear floor space, the toe clearance shall extend 17 inches (430 mm) minimum under the element.

ADAAG 306.2.5 Width.

Toe clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

ADAAG 306.3 Knee Clearance.

ADAAG 306.3.3 Minimum Required Depth.

Where knee clearance is required under an element as part of a clear floor space, the knee clearance shall be 11 inches deep minimum at 9 inches above the ground, and 8 inches deep minimum at 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 306.3.5 Width.

Knee clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.

RESTROOMS:

- COMPLIANT SIGNAGE IDENTIFYING THE MEN'S RESTROOM NOT PROVIDED AS
- REQUIRED.

ADAAG 216 Signs

ADAAG 216.1 General.

Signs shall be provided in accordance with 216 and shall comply with 703.

ADAAG 216.2 Designations.

Interior and exterior signs identifying permanent rooms and spaces shall comply with 703.1, 703.2, and 703.5. Where pictograms are provided as designations of permanent interior rooms and spaces, the pictograms shall comply with 703.6 and shall have text descriptors complying with

703.2 and 703.5.

Advisory 216.2 Designations.

Section 216.2 applies to signs that provide designations, labels, or names for interior rooms or spaces where the sign is not likely to change over time. Examples include interior signs labelling restrooms, room and floor numbers or letters, and room names. Tactile text descriptors are required for pictograms that are provided to label or identify a permanent room or space.

Pictograms that provide information about a room or space, such as "no smoking," occupant logos, and the International Symbol of Accessibility, are not required to have text descriptors.

ADAAG 703.1 General.

Signs shall comply with 703. Where both visual and tactile characters are required, either one sign with both visual and tactile characters, or two separate signs, one with visual, and one with tactile characters, shall be provided.

ADAAG 703.4.1 Height Above Finish Floor or Ground.

Tactile characters on signs shall be located 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground surface, measured from the baseline of the lowest tactile character and 60 inches (1525 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground surface, measured from the baseline of the highest tactile character.

ADAAG 703.4.2 Location.

Where a tactile sign is provided at a door, the sign shall be located alongside the door at the latch side. Where a tactile sign is provided at double doors with one active leaf, the sign shall be located on the inactive leaf. Where a tactile sign is provided at double doors with two active leafs, the sign shall be located to the right of the right hand door. Where there is no wall space at the latch side of a single door or at the right side of double doors, signs shall be

located on the nearest adjacent wall. Signs containing tactile characters shall be located so that a clear floor space of 18 inches

(455 mm) minimum by 18 inches (455 mm) minimum, centered on the tactile characters, is provided beyond the arc of any door swing between the closed position and 45 degree open position.

- INACCESSIBLE MEN'S RESTROOM.
- REQUIRED MINIMUM CLEAR WIDTH NOT PROVIDED AT DOOR OF MEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 206 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 206.1 General.

Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

ADAAG 402 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 402.1 General.

Accessible routes shall comply with 402.

ADAAG 402.2 Components.

Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a running slope not steeper than 1:20, doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

ADAAG 404.2.3 Clear Width.

Door openings shall provide a clear width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum.

Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees.

 REQUIRED MINIMUM MANEUVERING CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DOOR OF MEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 206 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 206.1 General.

Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

ADAAG 402 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 402.1 General.

Accessible routes shall comply with 402.

ADAAG 402.2 Components.

Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a running slope not steeper than 1:20, doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

ADAAG 404.2.4 Maneuvering Clearances.

Minimum maneuvering clearances at doors and gates shall comply with 404.2.4.

Maneuvering clearances shall extend the full width of the doorway and the requiredlatch side or hinge side clearance.

- NON-COMPLIANT DOOR SWING AT MEN'S RESTROOM.
- RESTROOM DOOR SWINGS INTO THE FLOOR SPACE OF FIXTURES IN MEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 603 Toilet and Bathing Rooms

ADAAG 603.1 General.

Toilet and bathing rooms shall comply with 603.

ADAAG 603.2.3 Door Swing.

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance required for any fixture.

- THE SECOND OF THREE URINALS IN MEN'S RESTROOM IS INACCESSIBLE.
- NON-COMPLIANT HEIGHT OF THE SECOND OF THREE WALL MOUNTED URINALS IN MEN'S RESTROOM EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

ADAAG 605 Urinals

ADAAG 605.1 General.

Urinals shall comply with 605.

ADAAG 605.2 Height and Depth.

Urinals shall be the stall-type or the wall-hung type with the rim 17 inches (430 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Urinals shall be 13½ inches (345 mm) deep minimum measured from the outer face of the urinal rim to the back of the fixture

- THE THIRD OF THREE URINALS IN MEN'S RESTROOM IS INACCESSIBLE.
- NON-COMPLIANT HEIGHT OF THE THIRD OF THREE WALL MOUNTED URINALS IN MEN'S RESTROOM EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

ADAAG 605 Urinals

ADAAG 605.1 General.

Urinals shall comply with 605.

ADAAG 605.2 Height and Depth.

Urinals shall be the stall-type or the wall-hung type with the rim 17 inches (430 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Urinals shall be 13½ inches (345 mm) deep minimum measured from the outer face of the urinal rim to the back of the fixture

• INSULATION OF PIPES AND WATER LINES UNDER THE FIRST OF TWO LAVATORIES IN MEN'S RESTROOM NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

ADAAG 606 Lavatories and Sinks.

ADAAG 606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.

Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.

• INSULATION OF PIPES AND WATER LINES UNDER THE SECOND OF TWO LAVATORIES IN MEN'S RESTROOM NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

ADAAG 606 Lavatories and Sinks.

ADAAG 606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.

Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.

- INACCESSIBLE MIRROR IN MEN'S RESTROOM.
- NON COMPLIANT MOUNTED HEIGHT OF MIRROR IN MEN'S RESTROOM EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

ADAAG 603.3 Mirrors.

Mirrors located above lavatories or countertops shall be installed with the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 40 inches (1015 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Mirrors not located above lavatories or countertops shall be installed with the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 35 inches (890 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

• REQUIRED MINIMUM MANEUVERING CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DOOR OF WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 206 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 206.1 General.

Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

ADAAG 402 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 402.1 General.

Accessible routes shall comply with 402.

ADAAG 402.2 Components.

Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a running slope not steeper than 1:20, doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

ADAAG 404.2.4 Maneuvering Clearances.

Minimum maneuvering clearances at doors and gates shall comply with 404.2.4.

Maneuvering clearances shall extend the full width of the doorway and the required latch side or hinge side clearance.

- NON-COMPLIANT DOOR SWING AT WOMEN'S RESTROOM.
- RESTROOM DOOR SWINGS INTO THE FLOOR SPACE OF FIXTURES IN WOMEN'S
- RESTROOM.

ADAAG 603 Toilet and Bathing Rooms

ADAAG 603.1 General.

Toilet and bathing rooms shall comply with 603.

ADAAG 603.2.3 Door Swing.

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance required for any fixture.

- NON-COMPLIANT DOOR LOCK AT DOOR OF WOMEN'S RESTROOM REQUIRES TWISTING OF THE WRIST.
- ADAAG 404 Doors, Doorways, and Gates

ADAAG 404.1 General.

Doors, doorways, and gates that are part of an accessible route shall comply with 404.

ADAAG 404.2.7 Door and Gate Hardware.

Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4

ADAAG 309.4 Operation.

Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds maximum.

- INACCESSIBLE WATER CLOSET IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM.
- REQUIRED MINIMUM CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT WATER CLOSET IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments

ADAAG 604.3 Clearance.

Clearances around water closets and in toilet compartments shall comply with 604.3.

ADAAG 604.3.1 Size.

Clearance around a water closet shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum measured perpendicular from the side wall and 56 inches (1420 mm) minimum measured perpendicular from the rear wall.

• REQUIRED GRAB BARS NOT PROVIDED ON REAR AND SIDE WALLS OF WATER CLOSET IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments ADAAG 604.5 Grab Bars.

Grab bars for water closets shall comply with 609.

Grab bars shall be provided on the side wall closest to the water closet and on the rear wall.

- NON-COMPLIANT POSITION OF PLUMBING VALVES LOCATED DIRECTLY BEHIND TOILET
- SEAT OF WATER CLOSET IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

ADAAG 604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments.

ADAAG Advisory 604.6 Flush Controls.

If plumbing valves are located directly behind the toilet seat, flush valves and related plumbing can cause injury or imbalance when a person leans back against them. To prevent causing injury or imbalance, the plumbing can be located behind walls or to the side of the toilet; or if approved by the local authority having jurisdiction, provide a toilet seat lid.

• INSULATION OF PIPES AND WATER LINES UNDER THE LAVATORY IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

ADAAG 606 Lavatories and Sinks.

ADAAG 606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.

Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.

- INACCESSIBLE MIRROR IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM.
- NON COMPLIANT MOUNTED HEIGHT OF MIRROR IN WOMEN'S RESTROOM EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

ADAAG 603.3 Mirrors.

Mirrors located above lavatories or countertops shall be installed with the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 40 inches (1015 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Mirrors not located above lavatories or countertops shall be installed with the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 35 inches (890 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

- REQUIRED MINIMUM MANEUVERING CLEARANCE NOT PROVIDED AT DOOR OF UNISEX
- RESTROOM

ADAAG 206 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 206.1 General.

Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

ADAAG 402 Accessible Routes

ADAAG 402.1 General.

Accessible routes shall comply with 402.

ADAAG 402.2 Components.

Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a

running slope not steeper than 1:20, doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

ADAAG 404.2.4 Maneuvering Clearances.

Minimum maneuvering clearances at doors and gates shall comply with 404.2.4. Maneuvering clearances shall extend the full width of the doorway and the required latch side or hinge side clearance.

- NON-COMPLIANT DOOR SWING AT UNISEX RESTROOM.
- RESTROOM DOOR SWINGS INTO THE FLOOR SPACE OF FIXTURES IN UNISEX RESTROOM.
- ADAAG 603 Toilet and Bathing Rooms

ADAAG 603.1 General.

Toilet and bathing rooms shall comply with 603.

ADAAG 603.2.3 Door Swing.

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance required for any fixture.

 NON-COMPLIANT POSITION OF PLUMBING VALVES LOCATED DIRECTLY BEHIND TOILET SEAT OF WATER CLOSET IN UNISEX RESTROOM.

ADAAG 604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments.

ADAAG Advisory 604.6 Flush Controls.

If plumbing valves are located directly behind the toilet seat, flush valves and related plumbing can cause injury or imbalance when a person leans back against them. To prevent causing injury or imbalance, the plumbing can be located behind walls or to the side of the toilet; or if approved by the local authority having jurisdiction, provide a toilet seat lid.

 INSULATION OF PIPES AND WATER LINES UNDER THE LAVATORY IN UNISEX RESTROOM NOT PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

ADAAG 606 Lavatories and Sinks.

ADAAG 606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.

Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.

- INACCESSIBLE COAT HOOK IN UNISEX RESTROOM.
- NON-COMPLIANT HEIGHT OF COAT HOOK IN UNISEX RESTROOM EXCEEDS MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

ADAAG 604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments.

ADAAG 604.8.3 Coat Hooks and Shelves.

Coat hooks shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in 308.

ADAAG 308.2 Forward Reach.

ADAAG 308.2.1 Unobstructed.

Where a forward reach is unobstructed, the high forward reach shall be 48 inches maximum and the low forward reach shall be 15 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 308.2.2 Obstructed High Reach.

Where a high forward reach is over an obstruction, the clear floor space shall extend beneath the element for a distance not less than the required reach depth over the obstruction. The high forward reach shall be 48 inches maximum where the reach depth is 20 inches maximum. Where the reach depth exceeds 20 inches, the high forward reach shall be 44 inches maximum and the reach depth shall be 25 inches maximum.

ADAAG 308.3 Side Reach.

ADAAG 308.3.1 Unobstructed.

Where a clear floor or ground space allows a parallel approach to an element and the side reach is unobstructed, the high side reach shall be 48 inches maximum and the low side reach shall be

15 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground.

ADAAG 308.3.2 Obstructed High Reach.

Where a clear floor or ground space allows a parallel approach to an element and the high side reach is over an obstruction, the height of the obstruction shall be 34 inches maximum and the depth of the obstruction shall be 24 inches maximum. The high side reach shall be 48 inches maximum for a reach depth of 10 inches maximum. Where the reach depth exceeds 10 inches, the high side reach shall be 46 inches maximum for a reach depth of 24 inches maximum.

- 16) The above listing is not to be considered all-inclusive of the barriers which exist at the Facility. Plaintiff requires an inspection of the Facility in order to determine all of the ADA violations.
- 17) The removal of the physical barriers, dangerous conditions, and ADA violations set forth herein is readily achievable and can be accomplished and carried out without much difficulty or expense. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(B)(2)(A)(iv); 42 U.S.C. § 12181(9); 28 C.F.R, § 36.304.
- 18) Plaintiff is without adequate remedy at law, is suffering irreparable harm, and reasonably anticipates that he will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless and until Defendants are required to remove the physical barriers, dangerous conditions, and ADA violations that exist at the Facility, including those set forth herein.
- 19) The Plaintiff has been obligated to retain undersigned counsel for the filing and prosecution of this action. The Plaintiff is entitled to have his reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses paid by the Defendants, pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §§ 12205 and 12217.
- **20)** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12188(a), this Court is provided with authority to grant injunctive relief to Plaintiff, including an order to alter the Facility to make it readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by the ADA, and closing the Facility until the requisite modifications are completed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court issue a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from continuing is discriminatory practices, ordering

Defendants to remove the physical barriers to access and alter the Facility to make it readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by the ADA, closing the Facility until the barriers are removed and requisite alterations are completed, and awarding Plaintiff his reasonable attorney's fees, expert fees, costs and litigation expenses incurred in this action.

Respectfully submitted

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